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**REQUEST FOR A NEW OFFICE ACTION AND RESTART OF
THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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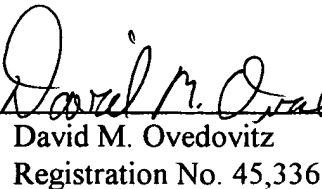
Sir:

An Office Action dated July 5, 2002 was received in the above-identified application. On the Office Action Summary and in section 6 on page 10 of the Office Action, claims 34-36 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. However, in section 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 34-36 were indicated as being rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Shimazu. As a result, it is unclear as to the actual status of claims 34-36. Therefore, a new Office Action is requested clarifying the status of claims 34-36 is respectfully requested. Since this error is being brought to the attention of the Patent Office within one month of the mail date of the Office Action, the period for response is respectfully requested to be restarted as is required in M.P.E.P. § 710.06.

Respectfully submitted,

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